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1. FRENCH, WHO WERE NOT REPRESENTED AT IWC
SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE MEETING IN DECEMBER, ARE STILL
STUDYING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS. ACCORDING TO MFA
FISHERIES OFFICIAL (MARCAGGI) WITH WHOM WE DISCUSSED
IWC ISSUES MARCH 12 AND 19, GOF'S PRE1IMINARY ANALYSIS
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IS FAVORABLE TO RECOMMENDATIONS AND GOF WILL ALMOST

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CERTAINLY SUPPORT AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENT ON THIS BASIS AT JUNE IWC MEETING. MARCAGGI SAID GOF WOULD CONSIDER WHETHER TO URGE JAPANESE TO ACCEPT SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE CONCENSUS, BUT DOUBTED IF ANY FRENCH INTERVENTION WOULD HAVE MUCH EFFECT.

2. COMMENT: WE DOUBT IF FRENCH WILL MAKE ANY MEANINGFUL EFFORT TO SWAY JAPANESE BEFORE JUNE MEETING. MARCAGGI DODGED OUR QUESTIONS ON GOF REACTION TO POSSIBLE USG RENEWAL OF MORATORIUM PROPOSAL, NOTING ONLY THAT PAST GOF SUPPORT FOR MORATORIUM HAD BEEN CONDITIONAL ON ITS NOT BEING PUSHED TO POINT AT WHICH JAPANESE AND SOVIETS WOULD CEASE COOPERATION WITH IWC. GENERAL TENOR OF HIS REMARKS LEADS US TO BELIEVE THAT GOF WOULD NOT CONSIDER RENEWAL OF MORATORIUM PROPOSAL AS CREDIBLE LEVERAGE ON JAPANESE AND SOVIETS, AND THAT GOF WOULD NOT SUPPORT MORATORIUM UNLESS THERE WERE COMPLETE BREAKDOWN IN EFFORTS TO SET MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE VALUE FOR PROTECTION THRESHOLD UNDER AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENT.
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